[27th November 1928

Mr. C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR :—" May I know, Sir, in what respect such a large sum of money was spent for the drafting of the Bill ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" For the staff of the Law Drafting Under Secretary and special establishment that was provided for the drafting of the Bill."

Mr. C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR :—" Is it proposed to continue the special staff, Sir ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" No, Sir."

Bifurcation of the Tindivanam and Tirukkoyilur Taluk Boards.

* 720 Q.—Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government have, in deference to the views of a large number of local bodies, abandoned the idea of abolishing taluk boards ;

(b) if the answer be in the affirmative, whether the Government will consider the advisability of bifurcating the Tindivanam and Tirukkoyilur Taluk Boards in South Arcot district ;

(c) whether the Government are aware that last year the Tirukkoyilur Taluk Board passed a unanimous resolution in favour of bifurcating that board and whether the same was also approved by the South Arcot District Board ; and

(d) whether the Government intend to give effect to that resolution ?

A.—(a) & (b) The Government have not yet come to a decision on the question of the abolition of taluk boards.

(c) Resolutions of the taluk board and district board on the subject were communicated to Government in February 1927.

(d) There is no such intention at present.

Municipal Councils

Election to the third ward of the Peddapur municipality.

* 721 Q.—Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the term of membership of M.R.Ry. Muppana China Veeraraju Garu, Municipal Chairman, Peddapur, expires at the end of October this year ;

(b) whether he stood for election for the third ward this year ;

(c) whether the vice-chairman in virtue of his powers under the Act and under the election rules arranged for the said election to be held on 10th October 1928, appointed the polling officer and made all the arrangements for the election ;

(d) whether in the morning of the day of election, the chairman appointed another councillor as delegate to conduct the elections ;

(e) whether the vice-chairman subsequently turned up and seeing that the polling officer was absent for unavoidable reasons notified that the election was postponed ;